

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:

generating a packet having a target identifier with a local application in response to an event;

storing the packet locally in a packet file;

forwarding the packet from the packet file with a local client messaging application to a server messaging application on a server via a network connection managed by the client messaging application; and

dispatching the packet with the server messaging application to a messaging handler on the server to process the packet, wherein the messaging server application selects the messaging handler from a plurality of messaging handlers based on the target identifier.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein the packet includes a ~~target identifier~~ and a variable length data field.

3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 further comprising:

generating an acknowledge message in response to the packet being dispatched to the messaging handler; and

communicating the acknowledge message from the messaging server application to the messaging client application.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein further comprising dropping the packet from the local storage in response to the acknowledge message being received by the messaging client application.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An article comprising a machine-accessible medium to provide machine-readable instructions that, when executed, cause one or more electronic systems to:

generate a packet **having a target identifier** with a local application in response to an event;

store the packet locally in a packet file;

forward the packet from the packet file with a local client messaging application to a server messaging application on a server via a network connection managed by the client messaging application; and

dispatch the packet with the server messaging application to a messaging handler on the server to process the packet, **wherein the messaging server application selects the messaging handler from a plurality of messaging handlers based on the target identifier.**

7. **(Currently Amended)** The article of claim 6 wherein the packet includes a ~~target identifier~~ and a variable length data field.

8. **(Canceled)**

9. (Original) The article of claim 6 further comprising sequences of instructions that, when executed, cause the one or more electronic systems to:

generate an acknowledge message in response to the packet being dispatched to the messaging handler; and

communicate the acknowledge message from the messaging server application to the messaging client application.

10. (Original) The article of claim 9 wherein further comprising sequences of instructions that, when executed, cause the one or more electronic systems to drop the packet from the local storage in response to the acknowledge message being received by the messaging client application.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A computer data signal embodied in a data communications medium shared among a plurality of network devices comprising sequences of instructions that, when executed, cause one or more electronic systems to:

generate a packet **having a target identifier** with a local application in response to an event;

store the packet locally in a packet file;

forward the packet from the packet file with a local client messaging application to a server messaging application on a server via a network connection managed by the client messaging application; and

dispatch the packet with the server messaging application to a messaging handler on the server to process the packet, **wherein the messaging server application selects the messaging handler from a plurality of messaging handlers based on the target identifier.**

12. **(Currently Amended)** The computer data signal of claim 11 wherein the packet includes ~~a target identifier and~~ a variable length data field.

13. **(Canceled)**

14. **(Original)** The computer data signal of claim 11 further comprising sequences of instructions that, when executed, cause the one or more electronic systems to:

generate an acknowledge message in response to the packet being dispatched to the messaging handler; and

communicate the acknowledge message from the messaging server application to the messaging client application.

15. **(Original)** The computer data signal of claim 14 wherein further comprising sequences of instructions that, when executed, cause the one or more electronic systems

to drop the packet from the local storage in response to the acknowledge message being received by the messaging client application.

16. (Currently Amended) A network architecture comprising:

a client electronic system having one or more processors to run one or more programs and a memory system coupled to the processor, the memory system to store, in a packet file **having a target identifier**, one or more message packets generated by a local application, wherein the one or more processors also runs a messaging client that forwards message packets stored in the memory system; and

a server electronic system coupled to the client electronic system, the server electronic system having one or more processors to run one or more programs in a memory system coupled to the processor, wherein the one or more processors runs a messaging server that receives forwarded messages from the messaging client and dispatches the forwarded messages to a messaging handler on the server to process the messages, **wherein the messaging server selects the messaging handler from a plurality of messaging handlers based on the target identifier.**

17. (Currently Amended) The network architecture of claim 16 further comprising a second client electronic system, coupled to the server electronic system, having one or more processors to run one or more programs and a memory system coupled to the processor, the memory system to store one or more message packets, wherein the one or more processors also runs a messaging client that forwards message packets stored in the memory system, and further wherein the one or more processors of the server electronic